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ACC/DO, 11th BS engage Global Power

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY
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The 11th Bomb Squadron and Major Gen. Mike DeCuir, Air Combat Command director of operations, took off Monday morning to fly the first Global Power mission since Sept. 11, 2001.

Global Power missions provide bomber units with practice in over-water navigation, joint operations, foreign country coordination, non-standard mission planning and range activities, international flight planning and physiological aspects of long flights.

This flight is General DeCuir's first in a B-52, and is scheduled for 22 hours and will feature two bomb runs. Both a GBU-12 and a JDAM will be dropped on continental U.S. and Pacific bomb ranges.

The general, a fighter pilot with experience in the F-4, F-15 and F-16s, has been looking forward to flying with the Mighty Deuce.

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917th uses new bomb range

STAFF REPORTS

The 93d Bomb Squadron recently began B-52 practice bombing at Claiborne Range located in Claiborne Parish.

The 2d Bomb Wing plans to make use of the range from time to time because of its convenience of distance. Capt. Greg Bell, 2d Operational Support Squadron scheduler, looked at the benefits of using the range.

"We are definitely planning on taking advantage of the new range," Captain Bell said. "The 917th has been doing a great job down there at that bomb site. With this new option of flying south, it's going to open a new world for us concerning inert bomb runs."

The idea started in 1993, when the 917th Wing found out the B-52's were coming. Claiborne Range needed to expand to accom-

modate the B-52's and for the current tactics used by A-10, F-16 and F-18's. An environmental assessment use started in 2000, which led to a new special use permit signed earlier this year between the U.S. Forest Service, Air Force Reserve Command and the 917th Wing. Now, all four combat aircraft that use the range can train for upcoming deployments using the most current combat tactics, to include the use of laser systems this fall.

The B-52s fly over the range from 11:30 a. m. through 12:30 p.m. a couple of times a week. The bomb runs will be from 2,000 to 5,000 feet, using level radar delivery.

Claiborne Range will still mostly host A-10's from Barksdale, along with visits from A-10's and F-18's from New Orleans, F-16's from Houston and now the B-52's.



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Crew Chief Senior Airman Ryan Kelly of the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit directs the B-52 assigned to fly the Global Power mission as it prepares to taxi for takeoff. The flight landed in Guam where General DeCuir will inspect the Pacific deployment.

CAOC helps worldwide missions, acts as central communication hub

BY TECH. SGT. JEFF LOFTIN
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Eighth Air Force officials will cut the ribbon on an important facility Monday when Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, officially opens the Combined Air and Space Operations Center.

The CAOC will provide Strategic Command's Air Force component, or STRATAF, with a center from which to execute worldwide air operations such as Global Strike. The center is located in a building that was constructed as a recreation center and formerly housed the Readiness, Training and Operations Center. The facility recently received an \$8.7 million renovation and will provide 405 operator positions and 26,000 square feet of operational floor space. The CAOC will feature the latest technology and displays.

"It (the CAOC) enables the STRATAF to plan, task and execute air operations in any theater from Barksdale Air Force Base, as well as providing dedicated command and control support to the Global Strike mission," said Maj. David Ingerson of the 608th Combat Operations Squadron.

Forty to 50 full-time operators and maintenance members are expected to operate on a 24-hour, 7 days-a-week basis with 223 positions functioning during an operational tasking and up to 405 positions operational during a surge.

"The Global Strike mission will allow the president and secretary of

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Welcome Gen. and Mrs. Hal Hornburg



Taking care of our AEF warriors

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

It has been a great summer for the Deuce. We have done exceptionally well in our expeditionary operations while maintaining the pace with the heavy operations tempo here at home.

Our expeditionary combat support superstars have done it all — building bases from scratch, fighting fires, protecting convoys ... the list goes on and on. Additionally, our 36th Air Expeditionary Wing aviators and maintainers have set the standard for excellence in the Pacific theater by providing presence, deterrence and bomber combat power.

Over the next few weeks, many of our 600-plus warriors will return from theaters all over the globe. Some of them have been away for six months or more accomplishing non-traditional duties in support of our Army forces on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are anxious to welcome them home, but I do have one concern — I know we are very proficient at getting folks out of town, but I am not convinced we are as good at catching our returnees and covering their needs after a long deployment.

I want to make sure we are taking care of our returning heroes and providing them with everything they need to get back to "normal life" as quickly as possible.

As a result, I have instituted a mandatory post-deployment meeting for every 2d Bomb Wing member returning from an overseas Aerospace Expeditionary Force or contingency tasking.

We will hold these meetings in Hoban Hall on Monday and Thursday afternoons during the AEF return cycles. We encourage family members to attend as well. These meetings are designed as "one-stop shopping" so the members can accomplish their post-deployment requirements in a one-hour block, including turn-in of all records and equipment, complete their travel voucher, receive all critical briefings and finish their checklist.

In addition to their commanders or first shirts, we will have medical and support agency experts from across the base ready to assist them in any way. Once the meeting is finished, our folks can start their reconstitution and spend time with their loved ones without worrying about anything else.

This is the right thing to do for three reasons. First, I believe the wing leadership should have a formal opportunity to

say thank you to our Deuce superstars as they return from their assigned duty overseas and put eyes on every person to ensure their physical, mental and spiritual health.

Second, we need to make sure we have done everything we can to assist our members and their families and eliminate any stressors as they start their transition back to home life.

Finally, this meeting enables the wing to accomplish all administrative actions in a timely fashion.

Once again, to those returning from their deployments — welcome home! We will take care to make your return as easy as possible.

To those Deuce warriors who have accomplished their duties here at home in their usual outstanding fashion — thank you.

To everyone — you are the reason the mighty Deuce, at home or deployed, remains "Second to none!"



Barksdale honors retired military senior leadership

Query: During lunch one afternoon I came across a retired colonel parking in a colonel parking space at the base exchange. Are the reserved parking spaces limited to active duty or are they for the retired ranks as well?

Response: Thanks for asking this question. Both active duty and retired personnel of the appropriate grades are permitted to use designated parking spots. We honor the service of our retired chief master sergeants, colonels and general officers, and it eases congestion in our limited parking lots.

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours	11th Bomb Squadron	36th Air Expeditionary Wing	2d Bomb Wing
Goal:	273.0	324.5	208.0
Flown:	89.2	92.2	34.2
Remaining:	183.8	232.3	173.8
As of:			
Aug. 6	+23.6	-14.8	-20.8

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in war ... to victory!

Mission

Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector

Total focus on mission excellence
Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork
Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Self-reliance vs. ‘The System’

BY LT. COL. ROBERT COLELLA

96TH BOMB SQUADRON COMMANDER

A number of Air Force careers lie in ruins around the rocky shoals of “The System” that failed to take care of a good troop.

I hear this all the time when I am giving feedback and ask a troop if they have finished their professional military education or degree. The warning bells go off when I hear, “I have always been told that if I just do my job and get the mission done, ‘The System’ will take care of me.”

When it comes assignment time, have you ever heard someone say, “The System’ worked hard to get me this assignment?” Have you ever been to a promotion party where the promotee said, “I’d like to thank ‘The System’ for getting me promoted?” I have heard, “I’d like to thank all the leaders I have known who mentored me and made this day possible.”

I have been to parties where those who weren’t promoted were consoled by their peers or supervisors telling them, “The System’ let you down.” I have even, on occasion, heard people say about a person they think is undeserving of a promotion and was passed over, “Hey, ‘The System’ works sometimes.”

In my first year of command (always beware of any words which follow “in my vast experience”), I spent a lot of time educating my folks on how I think people advance in the Air Force. I have yet to give any credit to “The System.” Everything we do to take care of our people; every officer and enlisted performance report, decoration, monthly, quarterly and annual award, mentoring moment, formal feedback session, informal feedback session or chit-chat on a squadron five-kilometer run (hoorah!) is part of “The System” — “The System”

you use to take care of your people. “The System” is also known as “leadership.” In our wing commander’s TWO vector, it resides in “O” — offering opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth.

But let’s go back to the original question I asked my troop, “Did you get your PME done,” because I also think there are responsibilities each member must live up to if they want to continue to advance, reach their potential and have a productive career. In short, put themselves in position to have opportunities offered to them so they can prove themselves.

Along the road of continued success there are tolls to pay — there are no free rides. Some call them “squares to fill,” but I prefer to think of them as hurdles that can knock you out of the race if you can’t get over them. Clearing the hurdles ensure doors don’t close behind folks as they go through their Air Force careers. Good leaders set the example regarding PME and make the time to prod and mentor their people to get it done.

If, as an example, you look at promotion statistics for line lieutenant colonels, they are broken into distinct categories of “hurdles accomplished.” Those who completed PME and their advanced degree, those who completed one but not the other, and those who completed neither.

The promotion percentages are then displayed and the “mystery” is revealed! “The System,” if you will, cares whether or not you did the things it thinks are important to progress to the next higher position. You self-eliminate, in a way, if you don’t do the things like PME which you know our Air Force expects. The same type of logic holds true for our enlisted force with the exception that they have far more hurdles to clear than their officer brethren. There are tiny percentages of



folks who are promoted despite these hurdles, but as I tell my folks “don’t bet your future on being that guy,” and I’ll bet you dollars to donuts “The System” isn’t what got “Mr. 1 percent” promoted.

As a commander, it is hard work reviewing records to help folks form realistic goals and expectations about what the

years ahead hold for them. “The System” may or may not have a plan, and we all know the dream job isn’t the only job “The System” needs to fill. However, it is truly sad when someone can’t take their dream job because they were passed over for promotion.

More often than not it isn’t talent holding folks back from promotion, but a failure to clear a hurdle. All too often there was someone along the way who offered the sage advice “don’t worry about (insert hurdle), ‘The System’ takes care of good people.”

At the end of the day, a leader has to ensure his folks are doing everything they should to achieve the next level of responsibility. Likewise, we as followers don’t help our leaders if we don’t clear the hurdles to make it possible for our leaders to offer us opportunities.

In short, the “O,” offering opportunities, in our vector of TWO, won’t happen if we as leaders are relying on “The System” to figure out who most deserves those opportunities and it also won’t happen if we as followers are relying on “The System” to excuse us from a hurdle that stands in the way of an opportunity.

It isn’t easy, but the best things in life seldom are. Lead by example and prepare for success; don’t rely on “The System.”



Barksdale's Airman of the Month

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

An Airman from the 2d Operations Support Squadron was recently named Barksdale's Airman of the Month. Airman Amber Bailey, an intelligence applications apprentice, was recognized as July's Airman of the month.

This accomplishment was surprising for Airman Bailey.

"I'm very pleased to know my studying paid off," she said. "I didn't expect to win because I've only been here four months."

The Airman credits her accomplishments to her co-workers' support.

"My co-workers weren't as surprised as I was about winning," Airman Bailey said, and credits her dedication to the motivation she received from her co-workers.

"Having their support and encouragement helped me maintain my dedication," Airman Bailey said. "I was determined that, even if I didn't win, I was going to walk away (from the boards) knowing I gave a good fight."

Airman Bailey's supervisors were happy for her.

"I was excited that my troop won the board," said Staff Sgt. Dan Tanius, 2d OSS



Airman Amber Bailey

intelligence operations. "It's a very distinguished honor to have Airman Bailey achieve this so early in her career.

"I was confident she would do well since she worked so diligently to prepare herself for the boards and make us proud," he said. "This program is an excellent way of recognizing our young troops for their hard work."

Like Sergeant Tanius, Airman Bailey agrees that honoring outstanding Airmen is important to the Air Force mission.

"I think programs like this are important because they provide Airmen with the opportunity to excel and be recognized by the wing for their accomplishments," she said.

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Unit: 2d Maintenance Squadron

Family: Wife, Valerie; two sons Darren, 15 and Kevin, 1

Past assignments: Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; Minot AFB, N.D.; Eielson AFB, Alaska; Royal Air Base, Upper Heyford, United Kingdom; and Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Education: Bachelor's degree in aeronautics from Dowling College, N.Y., and a master's degree in science from the University of North Dakota and attended the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. and the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Off-duty time is for: Family and friends

Hobbies: Golfing, jogging and giving alligators the right of way

What challenges do you see as a commander? Managing resources, time and operational tempo while maintaining our readiness while deployed and at home station



Lt. Col. Edward Kramer

Goals: Stressing squadron safety, providing world-class aircraft maintenance for our aircrews, improving our facilities, providing the best possible equipment for our personnel, strengthening our training programs, recognizing everyone's contributions and knowing everyone by their first name

What do you like about Barksdale? Southern hospitality, listening to Louisiana natives say "Natchitoches, Louisiana"

Global Power mission provides ACC/DO first B-52 flight

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"The great thing about flying in a B-52 is the heritage and the history that it represents because it's a neat old airplane that's flown combat since Vietnam and the Cold War," the general said. "The other nice part about it is the future of the B-52 because its going to be around for a while. We have all kinds of new weapon systems that will continue to make it a relevant, lethal weapons system."

Camaraderie was also another reason for the general's choice in flying this particular mission.

"As the DO, it is good to get out and fly with the folks

from the 11th Bomb Squadron to see what they do on a long mission because it makes it easy on me to sit at a desk and make decisions on what to do with weapons systems and rules and regulations for an aircrew," the general said.

During his short stay at Barksdale, General DeCuir also got to train in the base's egress trainer.

"I was extremely impressed with the egress trainer," General Decuir said. "The folks did an awesome job building that, and I can't imagine doing that training before without the new trainer. It's a fantastic piece of equipment and it's really neat to know that our folks built it and we didn't have

to go to some contractor."

The general will inspect the ongoing deployment cycle in Guam before his return.

The Air Force conducts Global Power training missions in the Pacific region to demonstrate the global capabilities of U.S. forces and to conduct bomber training operations in the Pacific region. The typical mission profile calls for bomber aircraft to take off from a stateside base, refuel in mid-air off the West Coast and drop live or inert bombs at a bombing range in the Pacific. The aircraft then either return to their stateside base or recover to a base in the Pacific area.

News briefs

Troop call

A troop call with Air Combat Command Commander Gen. Hal Hornburg is scheduled Monday at 7:15 a.m. at Hoban Hall. Dress is uniform of the day.

To relieve parking problems and congestion at Hoban Hall for the troop call, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron will provide a shuttle from the commissary to Hoban Hall. The shuttle starts at 6:30 a.m. with the last run before the troop call at 7:05 a.m. The shuttle will run after the troop call until all participants have been transported back to the commissary or until 9:30 a.m. Participants should meet at the southeast side of the commissary for pickup. Call 1st Lt. Jonathan McKinsey at 456-5601 or 456-2208 for more information.

Lane closure

Incoming traffic through the Shreveport Gate will be diverted to Wilbur Wright Drive behind the golf course from 3 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. Monday in preparation for the B-52 dedication ceremony. Barksdale Boulevard West will be closed to all outbound traffic using the Shreveport Gate and will be directed down Wilbur Wright Drive. The South Gate will be open during its normal hours for morning and lunch traffic.

First-time supervisors course

The next First-Time Supervisors Course, "Maintaining

and Updating Training Records," is scheduled Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon in the professional development room at Hoban Hall. The course is limited to 20 people and reservations are required by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Sign up with Master Sgt. Kirby Range or Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hammon by e-mail or call 456-4957.

Boater's education course

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5951 and the Ladies Auxiliary sponsor a water safety and boater's education course Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the VFW hall. Pre-registration is required. Call 746-7612 or 746-7611 for more information or to register.

Enlisted combat dining out

Tickets go on sale Tuesday for Barksdale's Enlisted Combat Dining Out scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the field adjacent to the commissary. Tickets cost \$4 for E-1 through E-4 and \$7 for E-5 and above, and can be purchased through first sergeants no later than Sept. 14. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and baked beans will be served.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul LaFlame will be guest speaker. Uniform for the dining out is BDU or DCU; civilian spouses may wear BDUs provided the rank is covered up, otherwise civilian attire is black shirt and jeans. Gift certificates worth \$50 minimum will be awarded for best dressed and the most spirit.

Commander's calls

Two 2d Bomb Wing commander's calls are scheduled Aug. 20. A civilian call is scheduled at 1 p.m. and an officers call is scheduled at 4 p.m. in the officers' club.

Retirements

Master Sgt. Wendy Smith

Master Sgt. Wendy Smith, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony at the officers club ballroom Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Staff Sgt. Kim Owens at 456-7875 for more information.

Master Sgt. David Howard

Master Sgt. David Howard, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, retires after 21 years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the 11th Bomb Squadron theater Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Master Sgt. Jeff Kuhn at 456-4153 for more information.

Correction

In the front page story of the Aug. 6 issue about the BUFF Smoke bombing competition, the aircraft maintenance units were incorrectly identified. Awards in each of the categories were presented to members from the 11th, 20th and 96th Aircraft Maintenance units.



B-52 display dedication ceremony Monday

BY TECH. SGT. JEFF LOFTIN
8TH AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A B-52 aircraft model display will be dedicated at the traffic circle near the golf course in a ceremony Monday. Base members and their families are invited to attend the ceremony.

Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, will dedicate the one-eighth scale model to those who support the base's mission during an 11 a.m. ceremony.

"It's customary for Air Force bases to display aircraft flown there near their entrances," said Maj. Dennis Jefferson, 8th Air Force engineer in charge of the ceremony. "In keeping with tradition, Barksdale sought to do the same. Since the aircraft we fly here are so large we decided to go with a scale model, which the Boeing Corporation graciously donated."

The aircraft's tail number will end in 008, in honor of the 8th Air Force

headquarters at Barksdale.

It will bear the name of retired Maj. Gen. William Eubank Jr., who played a large role in its integration and was commander of the first Air Force unit to receive the B-52. The general had a distinguished career as a pilot and commander, which culminated as deputy commander of the 2d Air Force.

The aircraft will also bear the name of retired Master Sgt. Samuel Turner who was the first of only two B-52 gunners credited with a MiG kill. Sergeant Turner shot the MiG down as it attacked his aircraft near Hanoi, North Vietnam, in December 1972. His actions saved the aircraft and crew and earned him the Silver Star.

The traffic circle where the model will be displayed had long ago displayed a missile, but when the mission changed the missile was taken down. The circle has been vacant for nearly a decade.

"As Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson (8th

Air Force commander) traveled around he noticed that something was conspicuously absent from our base – an airplane or model near the gate," said Col. Charles Schencke, 8th Air Force Reserve advisor to the 8th Air Force commander, who worked the early part of the project. "He came back and asked the question, 'Why don't we have one?'" When 8th Air Force officials explored the idea, the Boeing Corporation stepped up and offered to donate a B-52 model. After consulting with legal advisors, the base accepted their offer.

The aircraft model is about 20 feet long with a 23-foot wingspan.

"This is a tribute to everyone who has been involved with this airplane, whether they're flying the airplane or maintaining it," Colonel Schencke said. "It doesn't matter what your AFSC (Air Force Specialty Code) is, if you have been involved in any way with the B-52 mission, then it's a tribute to you."

CAOC controls worldwide air operations

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Defense, or Strategic Command to direct a strike against a target in any theater of operations on a moment's notice in a robust, real-time capable air and space operations center operating from the continental United States," he said. "This will significantly reduce the spin-up time during future operations requiring target engagement in a new area of operations.

"Within the Air and Space Operations Center will reside the capability to command and control execution of the Global Strike mission, provide information operations support, global intelligence support and surveillance and reconnaissance support," Major Ingerson said. "It will al-

so allow coordination between 8th Air Force and STRATAF, who are providing the majority of the Air Force's conventional bombers for theater commanders worldwide. The AOC will also continue support of specified STRATCOM-tasked missions."

In September 2000, the Air Force chief of staff declared all Air Operations Centers weapons systems, and formally tasked missions to those existing centers. In April 2001, the 8th Air Force AOC was renamed the Combined Aerospace Operations Center for Training and Transformation, or CAOC-T. Upon initiation of the Global Strike mission, the 8th Air Force training and augmentation center was selected to become the Global Strike operational Air and Space Operations Center.



Base boasts 307 new staff sergeants

AF releases promotion rates

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Barksdale officials announced Wednesday that 307 of 790 eligible senior airman were promoted to staff sergeant, a 38.86 percent-selection rate.

The Air Force has selected 13,625 of 33,306 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 40.91 percent selection rate.

The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>, by 6 p.m. CDT today.

"Certainly the Air Force has had another banner year in terms of promotion," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, the center's enlisted promotions branch chief. "The Air Force has singled out those senior airmen who have shown they are ready for the next big step in their career. This group has worked hard for their stripes and will make valuable contributions as our newest (noncommissioned officers)."

The average score for those selected was 272.33 points, with the following averages:

- 130.85 enlisted performance reports
- 58.23 promotion fitness exam
- 54.29 specialty knowledge test
- 16.43 time in grade
- 10.88 time in service
- 0.79 decorations

The average selectee has 1.77 years time in grade and 4.39 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2005.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, allowing them to see just how their promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores rank against others within their Air Force specialty. Each Airman can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice Monday by logging into the virtual military personnel flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>. (Courtesy of AFPN, AFPC News Service)

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Lerenzy McNair
Leroy Oliver Jr.
Javoil Powell
Valerie Primeaux
Lance Ray
Mesha Skeete

Andrew Soulier
William Spraggins
Rodney Taylor
Dawaugh Washington
Tremane Winn
Carroll Ponson

2d MXG

Torrey Byrd
Matthew Fratzke
Chad Kaiser
Gil Weisbaum
Tomeka Long

2d MXS

James Baldwin
Lucas Berreckman
Barry Bomar
Timothy Burnside
Robert Cherry
Jason Cohee
Shawn Duenas
Amanda Dupre
David Finley
Matthew Foley
Chooka Gorham
Alisha Gosdin-Harris
Christopher Grimes
Christopher Gustafson
Randall Heaton
Brian Helmick
Ryan Jenkins
Joseph McCalphin
James McGarrity
Derrick Mears

Frank Castonguay
Corey Norris
James Parrish

2d MOS

Victor Brown II
Enoch Bryant
Shaun Owens
Joshua Paugh
Barbara Williams

2d DS

Yahaira Blanding
Viviana Merino

2d MDOS

Casandra Dawson
Bobbi Johnson
Brandy McCain
Janella Potter

2d MDSS

Robert Banks Jr.
Jani Camferdam
Karl Hemerlein

2d MSS

Shamonn Castor
Kristen Eaddy
Lemesa George
David Ruley
Heather Thomas

2d MUNS

Shannon Booker
James Courville
Jeremy Petersen
Aaron Brown
Emily Brown
Burgos Caraballo
Armando Cardiel

Bradley Hinds
Brianna Kelleher
Austin Kosko
Miriam McMillian
Joshua Meenach
Michael Myers
John Nichols
Robert Padgett
Guy Reddick
Kevin Robertson
Raleigh Rogers
Vaundrae Ross
Joseph Sjodin
Gregor Stepp
Joshua Strauch
Matthew Swindler
Osband Thompson
Amy Vang
Cesar Ventura
Robert Waters
Derek Weinhardt
Jeremy Adair
Kobier Clay
Kelly Cloud
Michael Ulmen

2d OG

Louis Haney

2d OSS

Antisha Brown
Jewaun McElroy
Antwaynete Andrews
Patrick Arndt
Izylis Bolin
Christopher Jackson
CJ Petty

Bradley Landel
Christopher Loper
Kareem Nunn
Michael Reed
Manny Rodriguez
Joshua Sisson
Stephen Strouse
Samuel Thomas
Kenneth Haney

2d SVS

Bobby Abakah
David Bushnell
Vilynthia Cummings
Sylvia Dukes
Peter Foree
Ricy Lattimore
Carlos Saucedo Jr.
Mark Simon
Nedward Neal

20th BS

Syreeta Frees

96th BS

Diannya Claiborne
Sonya Moran
Randall Wingert

8th AF

Ebonique McCray

8th IWF

Paul Turner II

26th OWS

Crystal LaRose
Daniel Mike
Jerrimy Erskine
Davian Vega
Randall Vink
Monica Yoas
Loyeatta Manley
Matthew Thompson

608th ACOMS

Nathanial Avey
Stacey Moore
Marc Chilcutt
Kevin Davis
Derek Greer
Jaime Schroeder
Micah Yount
Marcus Blankenship

608th AIS

Demetrio Garcia Jr.
David Kelly
Melissa Mekeel
Katie Ormiston
Kanika Wilson
Melissa York

608th COS

Tabitha Corson
Meaga Nunez

49th TES

Alexander Cardin
Ryan McGettigan
Jason Minarik
Marlow Dotts



Joseph Nelson
Tyson Peek
Paul Porras
Aileen Pule
Brant Riley

Aaron Russell
Roberto Santos
Wali Shaheed
Jeremiah Smiley
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Jason Sypula
Kylem Terro
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Benaiah Wright
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Darrel Davis
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Greggory Fairhurst
Johnny Foreman
Shane Friesenhahn
Jeremy Fusco
James Gooding
Justin Hall
Anthony Harris
Daniel Harris

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John Evans
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Bobby Haguewood



Life support: Key in keeping aircrews ready

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

JUSTASIA LEHMANN

THE BOMBARDIER

Many units on base are important to the safety and security of Barksdale members. For aircrew members, the most important, perhaps, is the 96th Bomb Squadron life support shop.

"We provide aircrew members the life sustaining gear they need, should the need to bail out of the aircraft arise," said Master Sgt. Chris Sandoval, 96th BS NCO in charge of life support.

The most important part of the job is inspecting the gear right the first time.

"There is no room for error in life support equipment," Sergeant Sandoval, who has been in life support for 14 years, said. "If the inspection is done wrong, that can cause major problems for crewmembers."

Airmen in the shop agree with that statement.

"Attention to detail is important. People's lives are in our hands," said Senior Airman Jamie Crain, 96th BS life support journeyman.

"We have to make sure the equipment is 100 percent ready. And we make sure what we put out is good quality work," said Senior Airman Robert Bradshaw, 96th BS aircrew life support technician.

Providing good equipment requires hard work, something the Airmen in the shop aren't afraid of doing.

"They have been doing well, and are well motivated," Sergeant Sandoval said. "They manage daily operations and take care of business."

There's more than just motivation and hard work to the Airmen in life support; there's job satisfaction.

"Knowing we have an impact on the flying mission is very important,"



Staff Sgt. Marcel Thom, 96th Bomb Squadron life support technician, inspects a survival kit during an operational check. Survival kits, which include signaling, communication and survival equipment devices, are important to aircrew survival should the need to bail out of an aircraft arise.

Sergeant Sandoval said.

Teamwork runs deep throughout the section, Airman Crain said.

"We're like a family. We all get along and are all there for each other," Airman Crain said.

Should aircrew members from the 96th BS face the need to bail out of an aircraft, they can count on life support to make sure they have all the equipment necessary to help them survive.



Right: Senior Airman Robert Bradshaw, a 96th Bomb Squadron life support technician, inspects a light-weight helmet and oxygen mask during an operational check. Left: Inspecting equipment like this light-weight helmet and oxygen mask is an important part of working in life support.

Life support technicians make sure crewmembers are taken care of and their equipment is working properly.



**Photos by Senior Airman Kevin Camara
2d Communications Squadron**



Barksdale senior NCO faces deployment challenges

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

447TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Iraq — High temperatures, sandy environments and shortage of replacement parts are some of the challenges a 447th Air Expeditionary Group shop faces every day.

The 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's Vehicle Maintenance shop doesn't use these hurdles as an excuse to not complete their mission, even though the vehicles that roll into the shop are usually not in the best shape.

"The vehicles are very seldom clean due to the terrain here; there is no vehicle parts sourcing within the local community, commercial vehicles are not designed to handle the terrain here and there's only two types of fuel available," said Master Sgt. Ketrick Duncan, 447th ELRS Vehicle Maintenance manager and deployed from Barksdale. "Our commercial diesel engines require a diesel fuel we don't have here, therefore we have excessive amounts of fuel-related problems. We also see any type of work imaginable for Hummers. For example, problems like transmission, fuel injectors, fuel pumps, water pumps, entire suspension systems and plenty of tires are common fixes."

Business is never slow at the vehicle maintenance shop. There are usually about 15-20 vehicles awaiting repairs at any given time, Sergeant Duncan said. The shop's people are split into a day shift and night shift that work 12 hours each.

Sergeant Duncan, who has served 44 months of deployment time since 1991, believes his current tour is the most primitive he has served so far. Getting parts has



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Jeremy Larlee

Master Sgt. Ketrick Duncan, a Barksdale member deployed with the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance, works under the hood of a security forces Humvee in Iraq.

been an epic battle for his shop.

"The parts procurement process is difficult and sometimes takes weeks at a time," Sergeant Duncan said.

The vehicle maintenance shop's customers appreciate the effort.

"Security forces are dependent on our vehicles and with-

out the quick turn-around vehicle maintenance gives us, base security would become increasingly hard to maintain," said Tech. Sgt. Travis Russell, 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron vehicle control officer and deployed from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. "They have a bunch of enthusiasm and they do what it takes to get the job done."

Deuce professionals encounter adverse Pacific theater conditions

BY CAPT. CANDICE PIPES

36TH EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS GROUP

More than 200 Barksdale deployed members assigned to the 36th Expeditionary Operations Group came to Guam with expectations of sunny days on the flightline and just maybe some lazy days perfecting golf games or exploring Guam's underwater paradise. Mother Nature had other plans.

The average rainfall for Guam in June is about six inches. This year Barksdale's warriors received more than 36 inches of rain on the flightline at Guam, which caused a speed bump with maintenance, operations and recreation.

Despite the bad weather the maintainers have kept the bombers flying, enabling all Pacific Air Force's objectives to be met to date, completing more than 950 maintenance actions since their arrival.

The other Pacific storm to conquer was the wide variety of operations that came with a robust training schedule.

"Our deployed people showed their strength when they handled simultaneous flying operations at Guam and Hawaii," said Col. Eldon Woodie, 36th EOG commander. "In order to support a major exercise in Alaska, part of the team in Guam traveled to Hawaii to launch and catch mighty B-52s as they once again proved their ability to conduct power projection on a global level in this huge area of operations. The exercise was called Northern Edge and several lucky maintainers forward deployed for a week to sunny Hawaii to support that operation with great success."

Deployed ammo specialists are busy with

TURBOCADS, a massive download and upload of 890 containers, moving more than 12,000 short tons of munitions in five weeks. For this operation, the munitions were transported more than 24 miles from the Navy commercial port to the munitions storage area at Andersen Air Force Base. Once they arrived at Andersen, the munitions had to be unpacked and prepared for storage. In addition, the ammo specialists simultaneously supported operations on the flightline, building up 180 M-117 gravity bombs to support local training missions and delivering 16 CALCM missiles in support of a local loading exercise, CALCM Thunder. The ammo troops moved more than 2.4 million pounds of munitions the first 40 days on station.

Maintainers across the board are busy using their skills to help out the local community here as well. In support of Habitat for Humanity, deployed Air Force members worked drywall, plumbing, electrical, flooring, cabinets and painting on two local houses. On base, they supported a lawn mowing service raising funds for the deployed members' morale and welfare and have started improvement efforts on the static B-52 displayed at Arc Light Memorial Park.

"Overall the 2nd Bomb Wing maintainers have enjoyed learning a new culture and have worked hard to get the job done," Colonel Woodie said. "Many are learning what it's like to make the Aerospace Expeditionary Force mission happen at a deployed location without the support of their families. It has been a successful deployment and we look forward to many great opportunities ahead as we show our unmatched capability to place bombs on target anywhere in the world."



Courtesy Photo

Working in the heat: Tech. Sgt. Metus Rivers, 407th Air Expeditionary Group, cuts 25 pair cable in 116-degree heat at a forward deployed location. Sergeant Rivers is deployed from the 2d Communications Squadron.



CAIB gives Airmen voice to make changes

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUSTASIA LEHMANN
THE BOMBARDIER

A major concern for commanders today is their troops' quality of life. The Community Action Information Board enables community members to elevate their concerns directly to leadership for action.

The CAIB works at the Air Force, major command and base levels, and is governed by Air Force Instruction 90-5, Community Action Information Board and Integrated Delivery System.

Its goal is to deliver responsive community care through proactive, comprehensive and coordinated programs and services.

The CAIB itself, as well as the services and programs offered to meet community needs, are a high priority to base leadership.

"The CAIB is a critical part of our TWO

vector and the key to taking care of our men and women," said Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander and CAIB chairman. "It provides our military members and their families with the tools they need to be fully engaged in our Air Force and our base mission."

"This program is a collaboration between base leadership and all the helping agencies in the integrated delivery system, which is a subordinate organization within the CAIB," said Ms. Teri Compton, 2d Mission Support Squadron deputy commander.

"Many base agencies participate in the CAIB program through the IDS," Ms. Compton said. "These subcommittees each have their own objectives and feed information back through the IDS to the CAIB about overall community health."

The subcommittees are the military child

education working group, volunteer advisor council, family advocacy, health promotion working group, victim witness assistance council, family readiness subcommittee and the transition and relocation assistance coordination subcommittee.

"The various programs offered through the CAIB are designed to promote a more resilient community," Ms. Compton said. "The CAIB has identified the need for a number of programs in the community and is working to develop them.

"By identifying and focusing on risk factors in the community, the IDS will focus programs to target these risk factors and provide the tools to active duty members and their families to assist them in gaining their own life goals," she said. "By doing this, we will have a more resilient and ready community equipped to handle the high de-

mand of our profession.

"Among the programs sponsored by the CAIB is the annual train-the-trainer suicide prevention program," Ms. Compton said. "We took appropriate understanding of the dynamics and signs of suicide to develop the program.

"Other things the CAIB has accomplished was identifying the need for an Internet connection to a deployed spouse," Ms. Compton said. "We were able to get assistance from headquarters to make that happen."

"As we begin to offer programs, it's important for community members to do their part by participating in the offered programs," Ms. Compton said. "This will only work if the community uses them and encourages others to take advantage as well."

Absentee ballots make difference in voting process

STAFF REPORTS

In the Nov. 2 general election, the next president, vice president, 34 senators, 435 representatives, 13 governors and hundreds of local officials will be elected.

Barksdale voters play a very important role in this process, said Lt. Col. Ray Turek, Barksdale's installation voting officer.

"Servicemembers and their families are eager to be counted at the ballot box. We will provide every eligible voter an opportunity to register and vote," Colonel Turek

said. "We are making sure that installation voting assistance officers and unit voting assistance counselors make contact with every member to ensure they are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote."

The deadline for completing and mailing a federal post card application (for registration) is no later than 45 days before the election date, or 30 days before the election for the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

"I urge everyone to send in their registration today and not to wait," Colonel Turek said. "The registration process is quite easy. As long as you complete and mail the neces-

sary paperwork before the posted deadline, your vote will be counted."

People should register and send their ballots as soon as possible to ensure the forms and ballots arrive on time, Colonel Turek said. "The tools are in place to help all our voters, but ultimately, it is their responsibility to put the postcard in the mail on time," Colonel Turek said.

For more information about voter registration, visit the Barksdale home page, call the voting assistance line at 456-1988 or check out the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.



Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Bingo jackpot

The bingo jackpot for Thursday was \$1,400 and growing. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for nonmembers and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

Fall festival

The fifth annual Fall Festival, Car Show and Motorcycle Rally is Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. at Hoban Hall. The show features a judged car and motorcycle competition, vendors, childrens pumpkin patch, live music, bingo and more. A motorcycle rally is added to this year's show to showcase the area's best bikes.

There is no cost to participate in the bike rally but those entries will not be judged. Car and motorcycle entry forms, as well as entry forms for the arts and crafts fair, can be found at www.barksdaleservices.com. The cost to enter a booth to sell items is \$39 each and entry into the car and motorcycle show is \$15. Call 456-6955 for more information.

Cowboys tickets

Gifts and Getaways has tickets for all Dallas Cowboys home games. Prices are \$40 for end zone and \$65 for sideline seats. Make a weekend out of it and save money on hotel reservations also. Call 456-1886 for more information.

Theater tickets

Gifts and Getaways is selling tickets to "The Witness." Price is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children and \$10 for senior citizens. "The Witness" is a musical passion play which takes place at the Panther Valley Ranch in Hot Springs National Park, Ark. It runs every Friday and Saturday through the last weekend of September. Call 456-1886 for more information.

Two-for-one steaks

Enjoy two-for-one steaks Wednesday. Guests select the steak of their choosing at regular price and get a second steak of equal or lesser value for free. Steaks are hand-cut and grilled to guests' request. Entrees are served with a baked potato and vegetable. Desserts are also available.

All ranks are welcome at the officers club for evening dining. The club is open for dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Horseback riding trip

Make plans now to go horseback trail riding in Jefferson, Texas, Sept.

25. Guests will ride at Kharma Farms and then go to downtown Jefferson for snacks and browsing.

The group leaves from the officers club at 2 p.m. and returns at 7 p.m. The price is \$28 or \$10 for small children riding with parent. Sign-up ends Sept. 17. Call 456-7765 for more information or for reservations.

Diamond dig

Outdoor recreation travels to the Prescott Diamond Mine in Murfreesboro, Ark., Nov. 6, to dig and screen for diamonds. All equipment and lunch is provided for a cost of \$25 per guest. Call 456-7765 to sign up.

Deep sea fishing

A deep sea fishing adventure is scheduled in Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 8 through 10. Guests check into the hotel Oct. 8 and go to dinner. Fishing takes place Oct. 9 and everything is provided, including equipment, lunch and snacks. That night is free so guests can enjoy the Biloxi nightlife. Cost is \$195 with \$100 deposit due at sign-up. Registration is due by Sept. 15. Call 456-7665 for more information.

Framing class

Framing classes are scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 23 and 25 from 10 a.m. until noon and Tuesday and Thursday and Aug. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$25 plus supplies and students should bring a picture or photo 11 inches by 14 inches or smaller suitable for framing.

An instructor will help students achieve professional results. Prepayment is required and a minimum of four are needed to have a class. Call 456-3140 for reservations.

Woodworking class

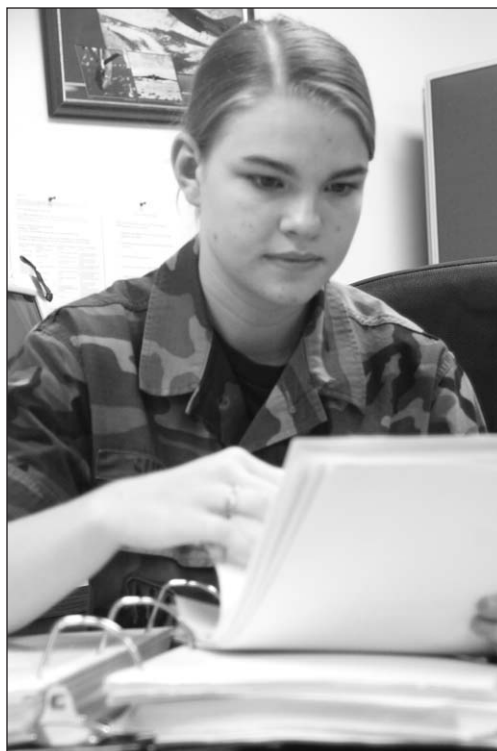
Woodworking classes at the wood hobby shop are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday. The classes cover basic woodworking skills, techniques, safety and equipment use. Students must be at least 17 years of age to participate and complete a take-home project. Cost for four classes is \$65. Stop by the wood hobby shop or call Mr. Mike Jarrett at 456-3409 for details.

Pottery class

Pottery making classes for ages 15 years and older are taught Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Students learn basic and advanced pottery-making skills and may take as many classes as they like as instruction is individualized. Cost is \$8.50 plus supplies. Sign up at the arts and crafts center or call 456-3140 for more information. Class size is limited.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman Staci Shelton

Family: Fiance Randall

Hometown: Arbuckle, Calif.

Unit: 96th Bomb Squadron

Job title: Aviation resource management systems

Job description: Assist in establishing air-

crew ground schedules, prepare flight authorizations, monitor individual flight requirements and process aviation management reports and source documents to ensure accuracy of information

Most rewarding job aspect: Coming to work everyday, enjoying what I do and knowing that I work for the Air Force, giving back to my country every day

Goals: To make senior airman below-the-zone and get my psychology degree

Hobbies: Shopping, movies and talking on the phone with my family

What motivates my winning attitude: The outstanding working environment I've been provided with at the 96th BS

Favorite TV show: Simple Life

Favorite sports team: Sacramento Kings

Favorite Book: The Giver by Lois Lowry

I'm proudest of: My brother Kenneth Shelton (Army) and cousin Joshua Prior (Marines) who both have spent time serving their country in Iraq

If I could change anything about Barksdale it would be: Its location and the parking

The most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: Senior Airman Sonya Moran because she taught me it's alright to be yourself and still get your job done

96th Bomb Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Robert Colella
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. William Parson

2d Operations Group commander:
Col. Roderick Gillis
Division motto:
"Fly like a champ"



MONTE CARLO NIGHT

TONIGHT!

Drink
Specials

Dominoes Tourney

\$80 Gift Certificate to winners!



2 person teams

Single elimination

\$10 team entry fee

\$15 team entry fee (non-members)

Card Game Tournament

\$400 gift certificate to winner!

\$100 gift certificate for 2nd

Top 8 places win!

Limited to first 64 to sign up

\$10 entry fee (members)

\$15 entry fee (non-members)

TOURNAMENT AT THE ENLISTED CLUB. SIGN-UP AT 6:30 P.M. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at www.aafes.com. Movies are subject to change without notice.

Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



"Spider-man 2"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 126 minutes

Cast: Toby Maguire, Kirsten Dunst

Synopsis: Peter faces new challenges as he struggles with "the gift and the curse," trying to balance his dual identities. He finds that his relationships with those he loves are in danger of unraveling. His life long yearning for M.J. becomes even stronger as fights the urge to reveal his secret and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become more complicated as he meets a new foe, Dr. Octavius.

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"Sleepover"

Rated: PG

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 90 minutes

Cast: Alexa Vega, Mike Boorem

Synopsis: Before their freshman year in high school, Julie and her friends have a party and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-cool reputations, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals. Hyjacking dad's car, sneaking into clubs, evading Julie's mother and even a first kiss - anything is possible at Julie's Sleepover.

Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Blvd., East
Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Noon mass

Noon Catholic Mass at Chapel One is now Mondays through Fridays.

Chapel bell choir

Anyone interested in joining the chapel bell choir may attend practices Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Chapel Two annex.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

Today

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

Saturday

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken

Supper — Pork chops, fish almondine, stir-fry chicken

Sunday

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts

Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst

Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

Tuesday

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish

Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

Wednesday

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean-jerk chicken

Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

Thursday

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops

Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

Aug. 20

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue
and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

Budgeting class

A budgeting class is scheduled Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Learn the concept of budgeting, benefits of budgeting and how to use a budgeting tool. Topics include: becoming financially responsible, distinguishing between needs and wants, spending attitudes, budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to register.

Personal, family readiness briefing

The Family Support Center's Readiness Team provides information and support Thursday and Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. to prepare for separation. Visit the center for this briefing to prepare active duty and family members for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Parents, tots playgroup

This playgroup is for both parents and young children. Pre-school children improve their social skills while their parents improve their knowledge of child development and parenting skills as they share with each other. This playgroup is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Pre-separation briefing

Retirement or separation can be filled with anxiety, excitement and lots of questions. Better preparation can lead to a smoother transition to civilian life. This mandatory briefing will inform separating individuals of the resources available as they make this transition. Individuals should attend as soon as possible within the preceding 12 or 24 months. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this important briefing.

Relocation briefing

All PCSing members must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available to make a smooth and pleasant transition to the next duty assignment. Call 456-8400 to schedule a relocation briefing.

Survival guide to local employment

The survival guide to local employment provides important job line numbers, personnel phone numbers, employment agencies, major employers, and websites to assist separating individuals. Come by the Family Support Center and pick up a copy today. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Air Force as a 2d language

This comprehensive handbook is a must for spouses new to the Air Force way of life. It defines commonly used acronyms and provides information on available local and Air Force programs and services. Come by the Family Support Center and pick up a copy today.

English as a 2d language

This class provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, as they transition to American culture. Offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Loan locker

The Loan Locker provides household items for loan to PCS members either arriving or departing Barksdale. Please call Family Services, at 456-8400 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday for more information.

Strong defense: 2d MOS edge Medics 8-7, claim softball title

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron was crowned base intramural softball champions Monday, defeating the 2d Medical Group Medics 8-7 at Barksdale's Field 2.

The old saying, "offense wins games, defense wins championships" played true.

"It wasn't one of our best games offensively, but the defense came through to win the game for us," said Jim Rivers, 2d MOS head coach.

The Medics had a few errors that possibly cost them the game.

"We needed to execute a little better," said 2d MDG head coach Brian Sweeney. "We played really well, it was just a few little things here and there."

The Medics started out strong to take an early 3-2 lead after the first inning.

"We hit the ball well, we were putting it where we needed to, but they (2d MOS) just played a good game," Sweeney said.

Defense prevailed in the scoreless second inning, but the

Medics saw their lead disappear in the bottom of the third when Jerry Weatherholt, 2d MOS, hit an in-the-park home run to help them score five runs for the inning.

"Jerry's home run was really a turn-around point for us. It got the guys fired up," Rivers said. "We were a little nervous about them jumping out to an early lead but that home run really turned us around."

The fourth inning saw the Medics mounting a comeback, scoring three runs to be down by only one run, 6-7. The 2d MOS scored their final run in the fourth. The fifth and sixth innings were scoreless, which put the pressure on the Medics.

After two scoreless innings, 2d MOS could almost feel the trophy and were not about to let go of their two-run lead. After a fly out to right field and a ground out at first, excitement could be seen all over the 2d MOS players' faces.

The Medics were not about to let the game go and got a person on second base after an overthrow to first base. On the next pitch the runner advanced by stealing third.

It appeared the Medics were about to mount a comeback when the runner on third scored off of a base hit single. But the one run was not enough when the next batter

hit a fly ball for the last out of the game.

"We've had a few close games this year, but this is the first one we lost," Sweeney said.

Unlike the regular season games, the playoffs had no one hour time limit, so all the games were equal and played the entire seven innings.

"I liked the way the gym had us play it (the tournament). The games were played the way they should have been," Rivers said. "It made it fair for both teams."

The Medics earned a 7-2 record during the regular season.

"We had a great season," Sweeney said. "We did a lot better than any of our preseason expectations."

The 2d MOS also earned a 7-2 regular season record, which propelled them to do well in the playoffs.

"We had a well balanced team," Rivers said. "We batted well all season long and had probably one of the best intramural pitchers in Richard Breazeale."

The championship game was not the first meeting of the two teams. The 2d MOS defeated the Medics in the preseason tournament championship as well.

"Our defense played well," Sweeney said. "We held them to only eight runs, the problem was they held us to seven."



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

The 2d Medical Group's Karl Cordell slides into third base and gets a face full of dirt while attempting to steal as 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron's Ray Campbell attempts to tag him out during Monday's base softball championship. The 2d MDG stole four bases during the game.

Sports shorts

ACC golf Championships

The Air Combat Command golf championship is Saturday and Sunday at Barksdale's Fox Run Golf Course. The tournament is open to all authorized members with a verifiable handicap. The winner from Barksdale will attend the ACC finals at Davis-Montham Air Force Base, Ariz., Sept. 22-24. Entry fee is \$10 and normal cart and green fees apply. Call 456-2263 for more information or to sign up.

Football challenge

The Barksdale Sports and Fitness

Center hosts the quarterback and receiver challenge Aug. 31. First and second place winners receive awards. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Summer Bowling Program

Get out of the heat this summer and win prizes with the bowl for Stars and Strikes program at the bowling center. Pick up a punch card and have it punched with every game bowled or with every large soda purchased. Win a bowling piggy bank, bowling ball or a bowling bag. Call the bowling center at 456-4133 to find out open bowling times.

Intramural golf scoreboard

American League

	W	L
CS	7	2
MUNS #1	6	2
CES	6	3
8th AF	6	3
SFS	5	3
MXS #1	5	3
MDG	4	5
917th #1	4	6
11th BS	3	4
LRS	2	6

National League

	W	L
SVS	7	0
MSS	7	1
AMXS	6	2
917th #2	4	3
49th TES	4	4
CPTS	4	4
OSS	3	4
MOS	2	5
MUNS #2	2	6
MXS #2	0	8

Standings as of Aug. 3